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Jennifer Fairbanks
403 I Ave.
Grundy Center, IA 50638

Date Complaint Received:	11/6/13
Complaint Received By:	Julie Sharp, SWII
Provider Name and Location:	Jennifer Fairbanks, 403 I Ave, Grundy Center, IA 50638

Complaint: The provider allowed a minor child in her care to consume alcohol to the point of alcohol overdose.

Rule Basis: 110.5 (9) The provider meets the following requirements: a) gives careful supervision at all times. 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards.

Findings: 11/6/2013: This worker accompanied SWIII Alicia Skurdal to the home to discuss the concerns. No day care children were present, but the provider's own children were present.

The incident in question occurred on 6/26/12. Jennifer reported that the minor child came to visit her at her home in New Hartford and was going to stay the night. She stated that on the night of the incident she had gone to Hy-Vee and purchased alcohol. Jennifer reported when she returned home she mixed a drink for herself and her friend. She stated the minor child requested a drink. Jennifer reported she mixed the minor child a 7'up with grenadine. She stated after her drink she went to bed.

Jennifer reported she then got up at 5:15 AM as she had daycare children coming to the house. She stated at this time she found the minor child sleeping on the floor behind the couch. Jennifer reported she tried to wake the minor child up. She stated when she sat the minor child up she started "puking." Jennifer reported when she went to bed the bottle of Captain Morgan was sealed, but when her son found the bottle there was $\frac{3}{4}$ missing. She stated she then contacted the minor child's mother to ask where she should take the minor child to the hospital. Jennifer reported she then contacted the police and ambulance to get the minor child.

Jennifer denied that she ever gave the minor child alcohol. A person that was in the home was interviewed and stated that Jennifer stated she allowed the minor child to have a drink with her as the minor child reported her mother allows it.

A spot check was completed at the time of the visit. Jennifer continued to be out of compliance with child care regulations. Prior spot checks and complaints in the home have consistently

found Jennifer to be out of compliance with the Registration rules found in Iowa Code Chapter 237A.

Resolution: The Child Care Regulation staff met on December 17th, 2013 regarding the concerns reported about Jennifer Fairbanks home. Jennifer has had a series of complaints in her home since she was initially registered in 2005. Jennifer has been given many opportunities to come into compliance with the regulations regarding childcare. Given the serious nature of the current complaint and the health and safety risks that were present along with the lack of follow through with the Child Development Home Regulations, the Department has decided that a revocation of Ms. Fairbanks child care home is necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 319-267-2594 or email address jsharp1@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

Julie Sharp
Social Worker II